



U.S. Army 2005 MWR Leisure Needs Survey Results

**Fort Dix
New Jersey**

BRIEFING OUTLINE

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▮ **LEISURE NEEDS SURVEY**

- Project Overview
- Methodology
- Patron Sample
- Products

▮ **SURVEY RESULTS**

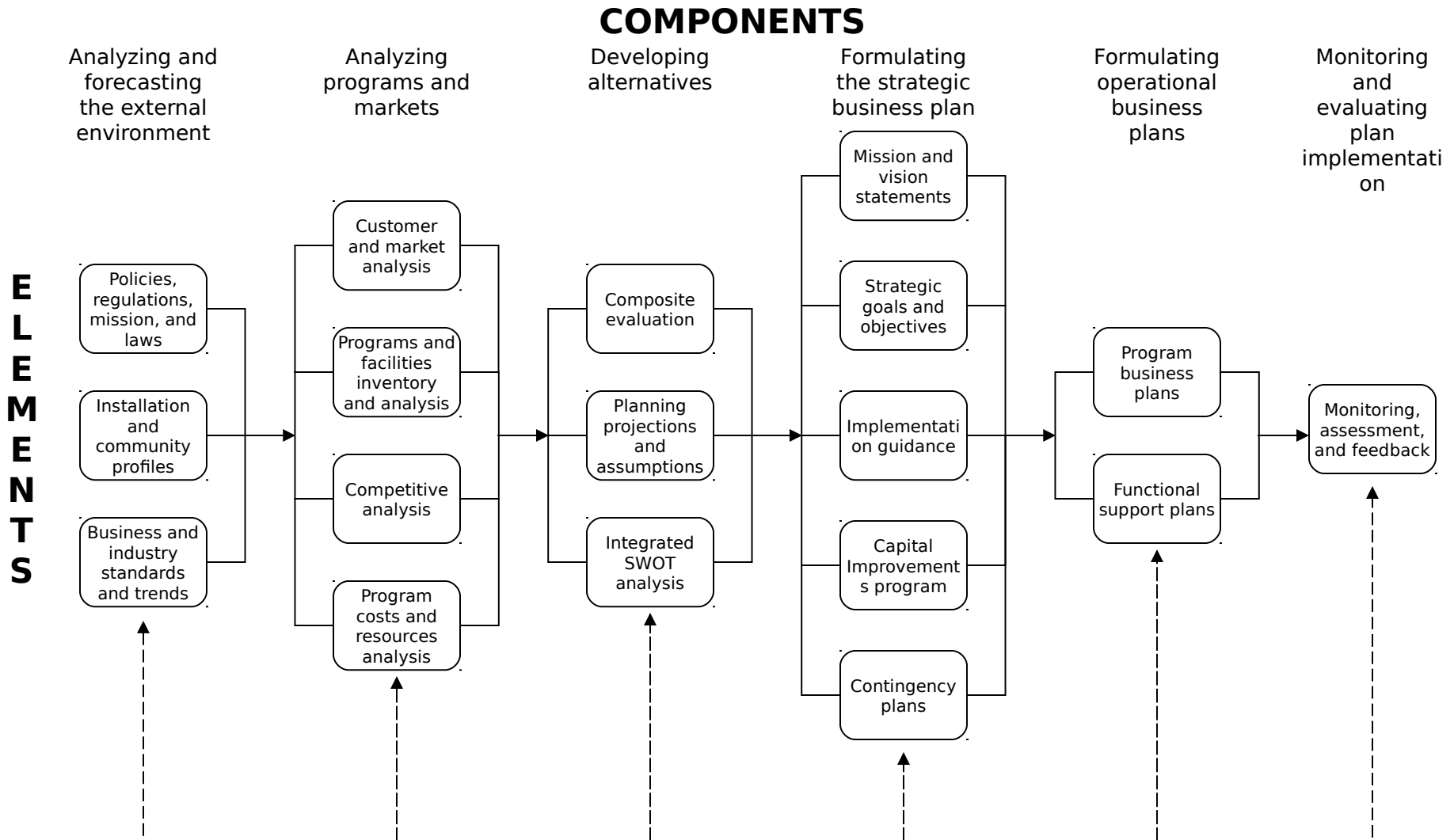
- MWR Programs and Facilities
- Army Community Service
- Child and Youth Services
- Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers
- Leisure Activities
- Deployment and MWR
- Career Intentions

▮ **NEXT STEPS**

PROJECT OVERVIEW

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MWR STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLANNING MODEL



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▮ **PROJECT SCOPE**

- 92 sites were surveyed in 2005
 - Northeast (21 sites)
 - Northwest (10 sites)
 - Southeast (13 sites)
 - Southwest (14 sites)
 - Europe (20 sites)
 - Korea (9 sites)
 - Pacific (5 sites)
- 249,555 surveys were distributed throughout the Army to four patron groups:
 - Active Duty Soldiers
 - Spouses of Active Duty Soldiers (CONUS only)
 - DA Civilians
 - Retirees (CONUS only)
- 3,168 surveys were distributed at Fort Dix



▮ **SURVEY ADMINISTRATION**

- Designed to collect information on installation MWR programs and facilities as well as the leisure activities of your potential market
- 65 multiple choice questions; 7 questions were tailored to your specific installation issues

▮ **SURVEY ADMINISTRATION (Continued)**

- Active Duty and DA Civilian surveys distributed by installation POCs
- Spouses of Active Duty and Retiree surveys direct mailed to home addresses (CONUS only)
- Web survey option offered for the first time to all respondents

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□ SURVEY SAMPLE

- Four population segments
 - Active Duty
 - Civilian Employees
 - Spouses of Active Duty (CONUS only)
 - Retirees (CONUS only)
- Response Rates and Confidence Intervals for each patron group and overall sample

	<u>Survey Population</u>	<u>Surveys Distributed</u>	<u>Surveys Returned</u>	<u>Response Rate *</u>	<u>Confidence Interval **</u>
Army:					
Survey Totals	1,212,240	249,555	50,651	20.91%	±.43%
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Active Duty	905	1,011	340	33.63%	±4.20%
Spouses of Active Duty	352	210	37	17.62%	±15.24%
Civilian Employees	878	903	237	26.25%	±5.44%
Retirees	1,914	1,044	181	17.34%	±6.93%
Total	4,049	3,168	795	25.09%	±3.12%

* Response rate is calculated by dividing the number of surveys returned by the number of surveys distributed. It should be noted that low response rates (i.e., less than 20%) increase the chance that one or more subgroups (e.g., for active duty patron group, E1-E4 is a subgroup) may be over- or under-represented. Any patron groups with fewer than 15 survey respondents do not have their data reported to protect privacy and ensure representativeness.

**A confidence interval for a sample mean tells us the range in which we are likely to find the true population mean: Assume 300 surveys were returned for an active duty patron group of 1,350. 52% responded that they used the gym in the last year. The 95% confidence interval for this case would be ±5%. Thus there is a 95% chance that the TOTAL number of active duty at this installation who used the gym last year is between 47% and 57%. We can be 95% confident that between 634 and 770 active duty used the gym

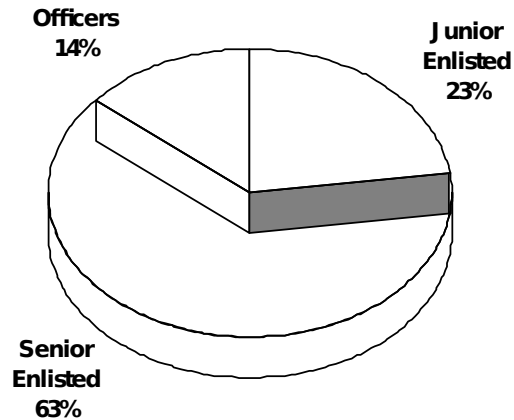
PATRON SAMPLE*

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RESPONDENT POPULATION SEGMENTS

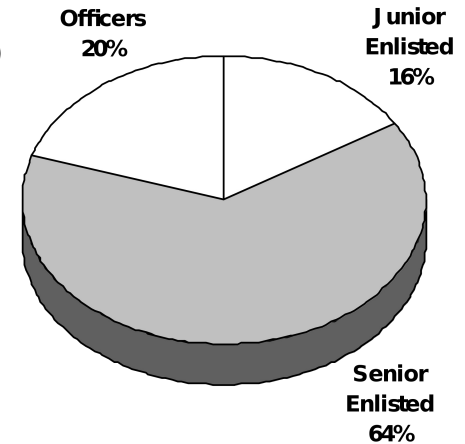
ACTIVE DUTY

(n = 310)



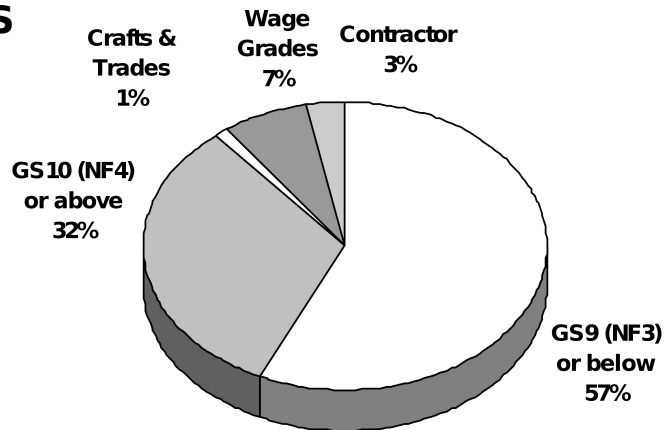
SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY

(n = 25)



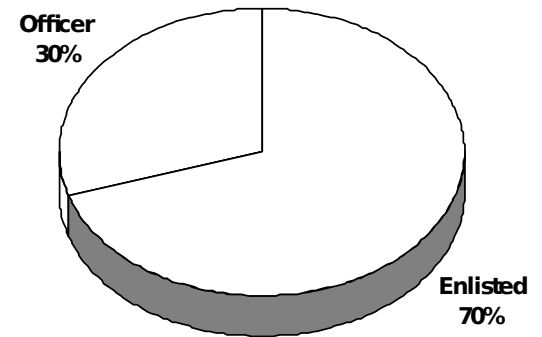
CIVILIANS

(n = 216)



RETIREEES

(n = 115)



*The n provided for each patron group is equal to the number of respondents who provided their rank or paygrade.

PRODUCTS

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▮ **PRODUCTS**

- Comprehensive installation report of survey data in electronic form
- SPSS data file provided to installation representatives for further analyses, if desired
- Installation level briefing of findings
- IMA and Army level roll-up reports and briefings

▮ **PRODUCT DISTRIBUTION**

- All products provided on CD
- CD distribution to installation MWR Directors, IMA Headquarters, and U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center

MWR PROGRAMS & FACILITIES: USAGE AT FORT DIX

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MOST FREQUENTLY USED FACILITIES

Car Wash	28%
Library	27%
Post Picnic Area	23%
Swimming Pool	23%
Bowling Center	22%

LEAST FREQUENTLY USED FACILITIES

School Age Services	4%
Youth Center	4%
Child Development Center	5%
Multipurpose Sports/Tennis Courts	6%
Recreation/Community Activity Ctr.	10%

MWR PROGRAMS & FACILITIES: SATISFACTION AT FORT DIX*

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FACILITIES WITH HIGHEST SATISFACTION RATINGS*

Arts & Crafts Center	4.53
Outdoor Recreation Center	4.37
Golf Course	4.36
Swimming Pool	4.36
Post Picnic Area	4.30

FACILITIES WITH LOWEST SATISFACTION RATINGS*

School Age Services	3.84
Army Lodging	3.86
Youth Center	3.89
Car Wash	4.03
Multipurpose Sports/Tennis Courts	4.12

*Programs and facilities were rated on a 5 point scale: 5 = Very Satisfied and 1 = Very Dissatisfied

MWR PROGRAMS & FACILITIES: QUALITY AT FORT DIX*

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FACILITIES WITH HIGHEST QUALITY RATINGS*

Arts & Crafts Center	4.51
Child Development Center	4.33
Bowling Food & Beverage	4.30
Golf Course Pro Shop	4.28
Post Picnic Area	4.28

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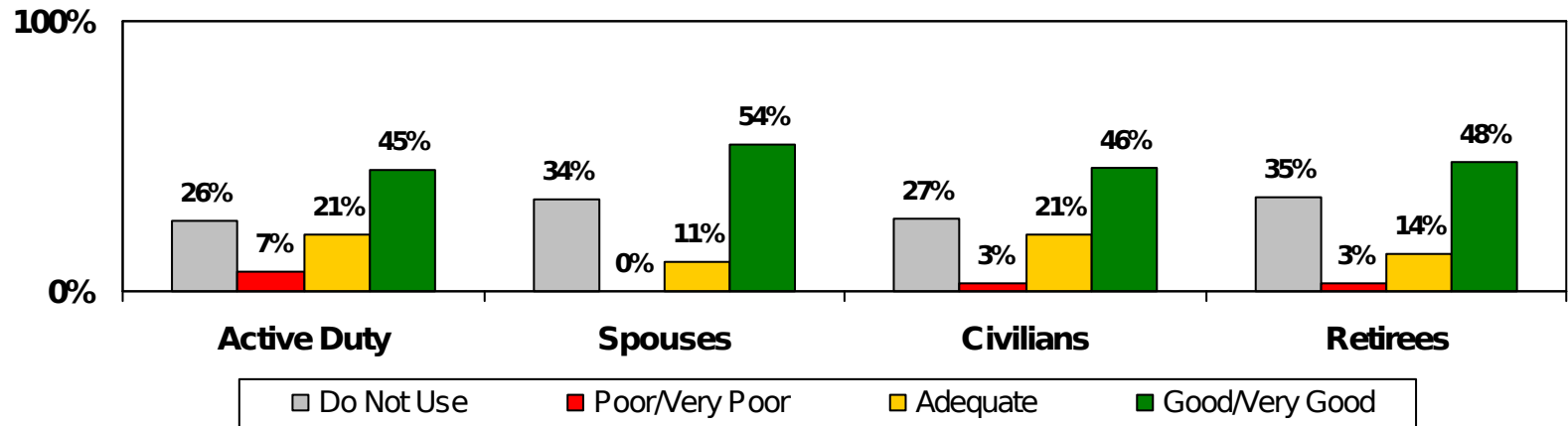
School Age Services	3.62
Car Wash	3.86
Youth Center	3.87
Army Lodging	3.94
Multipurpose Sports/Tennis Courts	4.10

*Programs and facilities were rated on a 5 point scale: 5 = Very Good and 1 = Very Poor. These ratings are an average of three quality scores: Building/Facility/Space, Equipment/Furnishings, and Personnel.

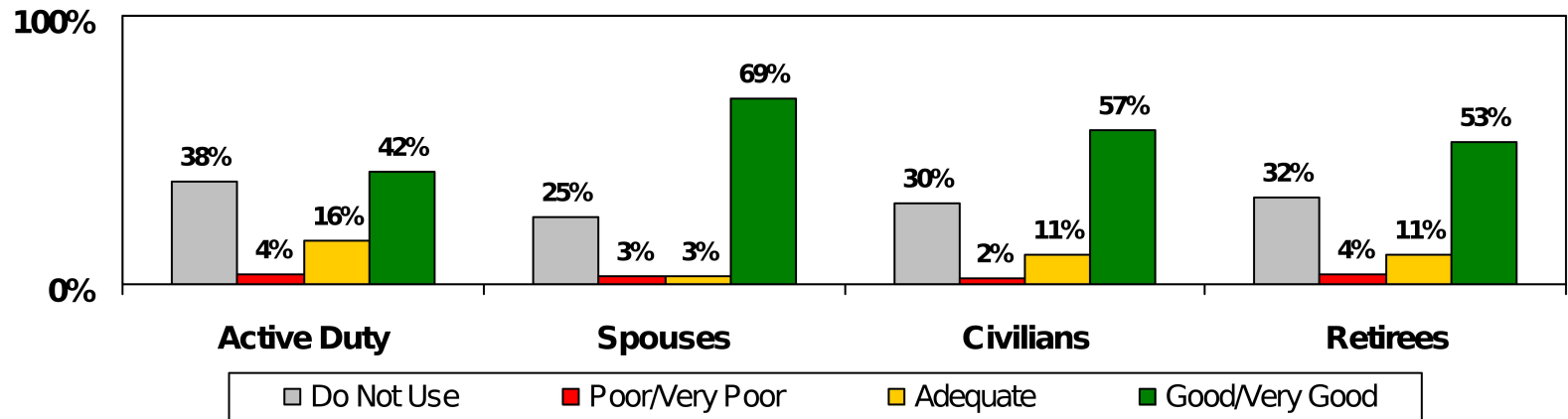
MWR PROGRAMS & FACILITIES: FOOD AND BEVERAGE SERVICES QUALITY

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Quality of On-Post Services



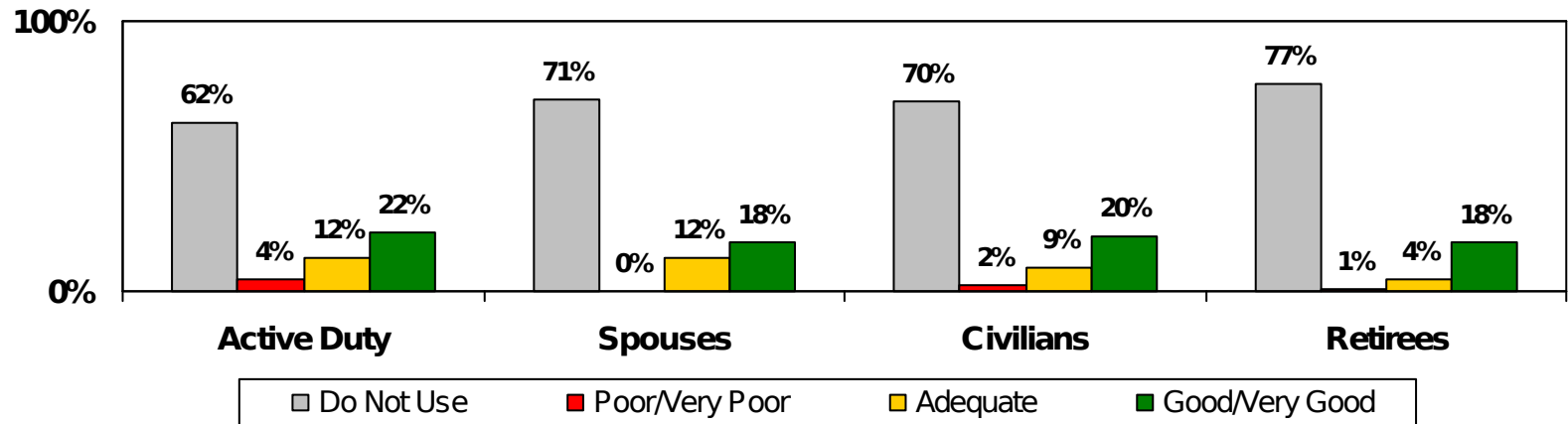
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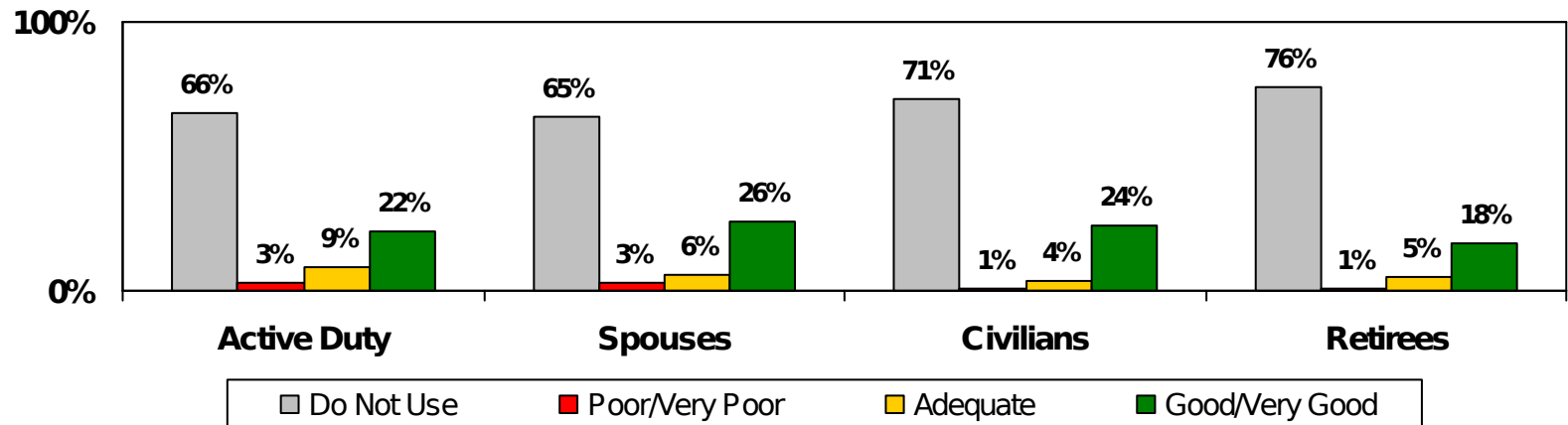
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Quality of On-Post Services



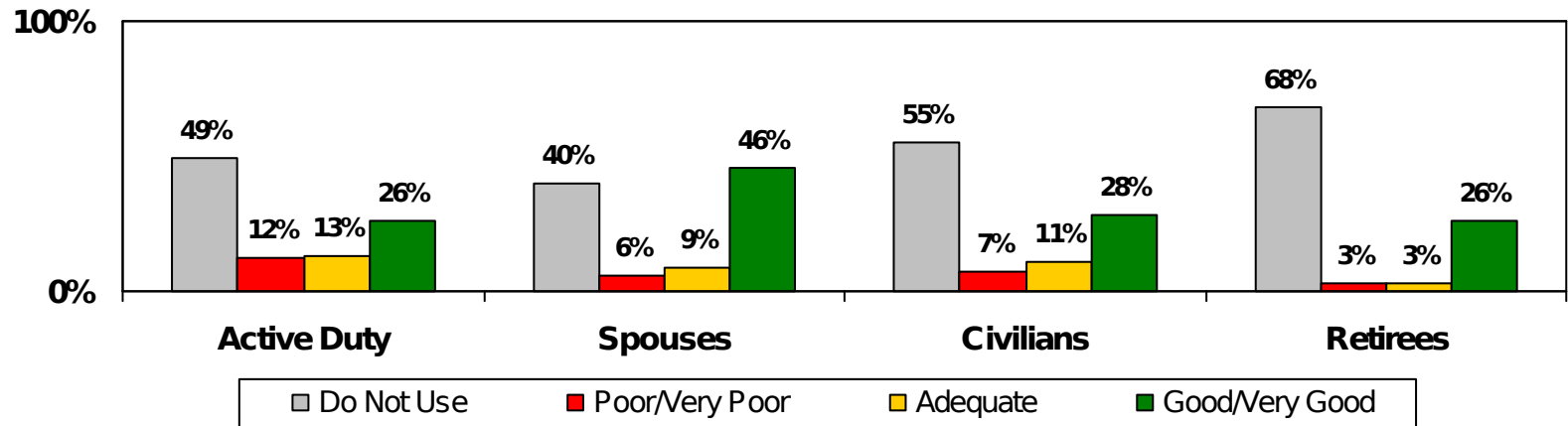
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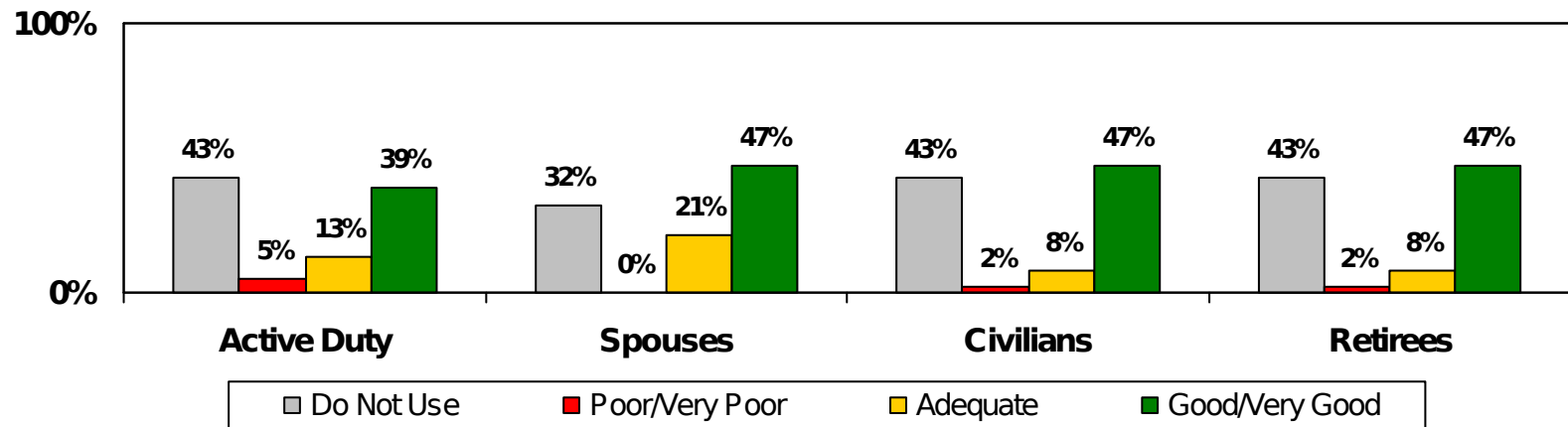
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Quality of On-Post Services

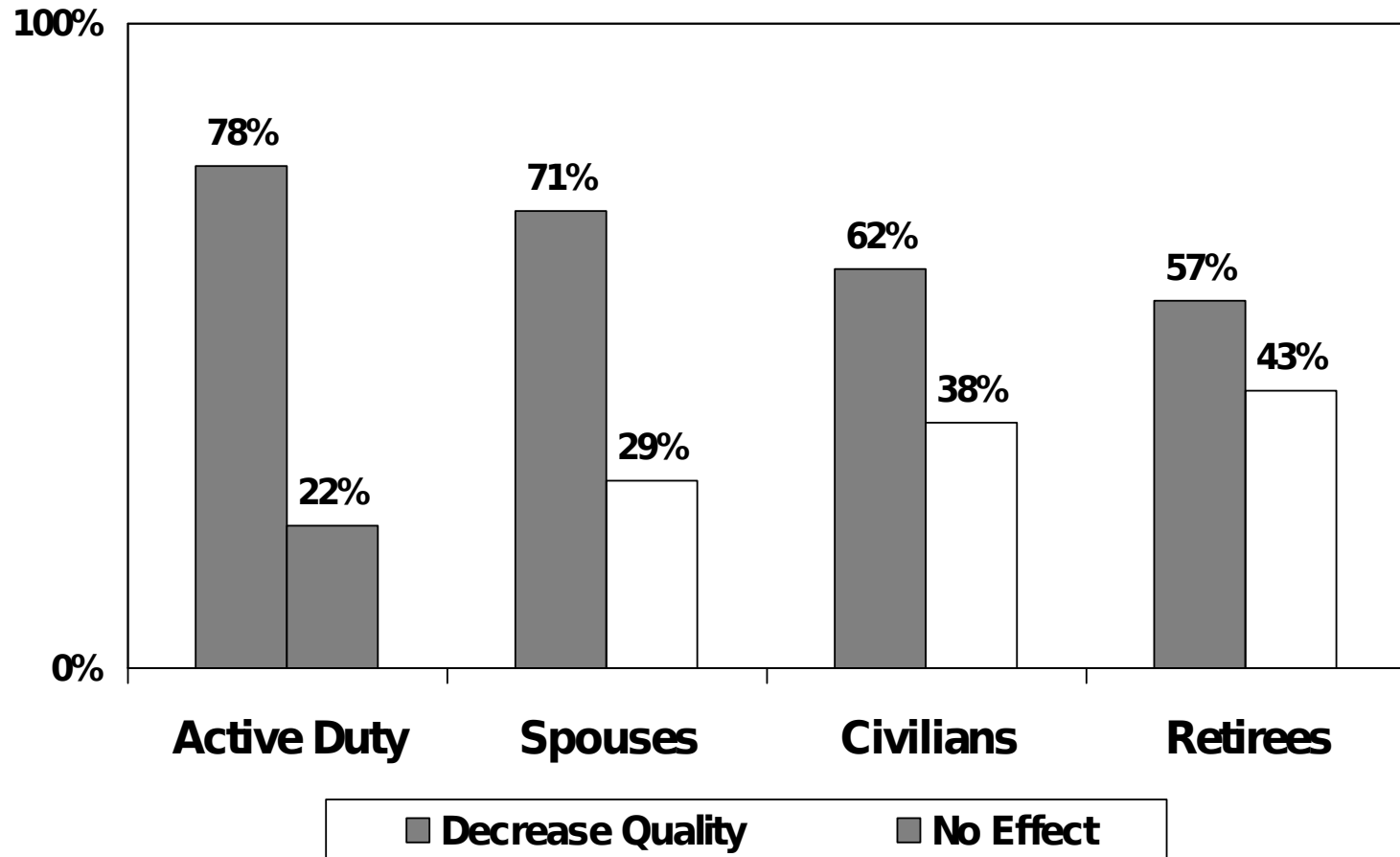


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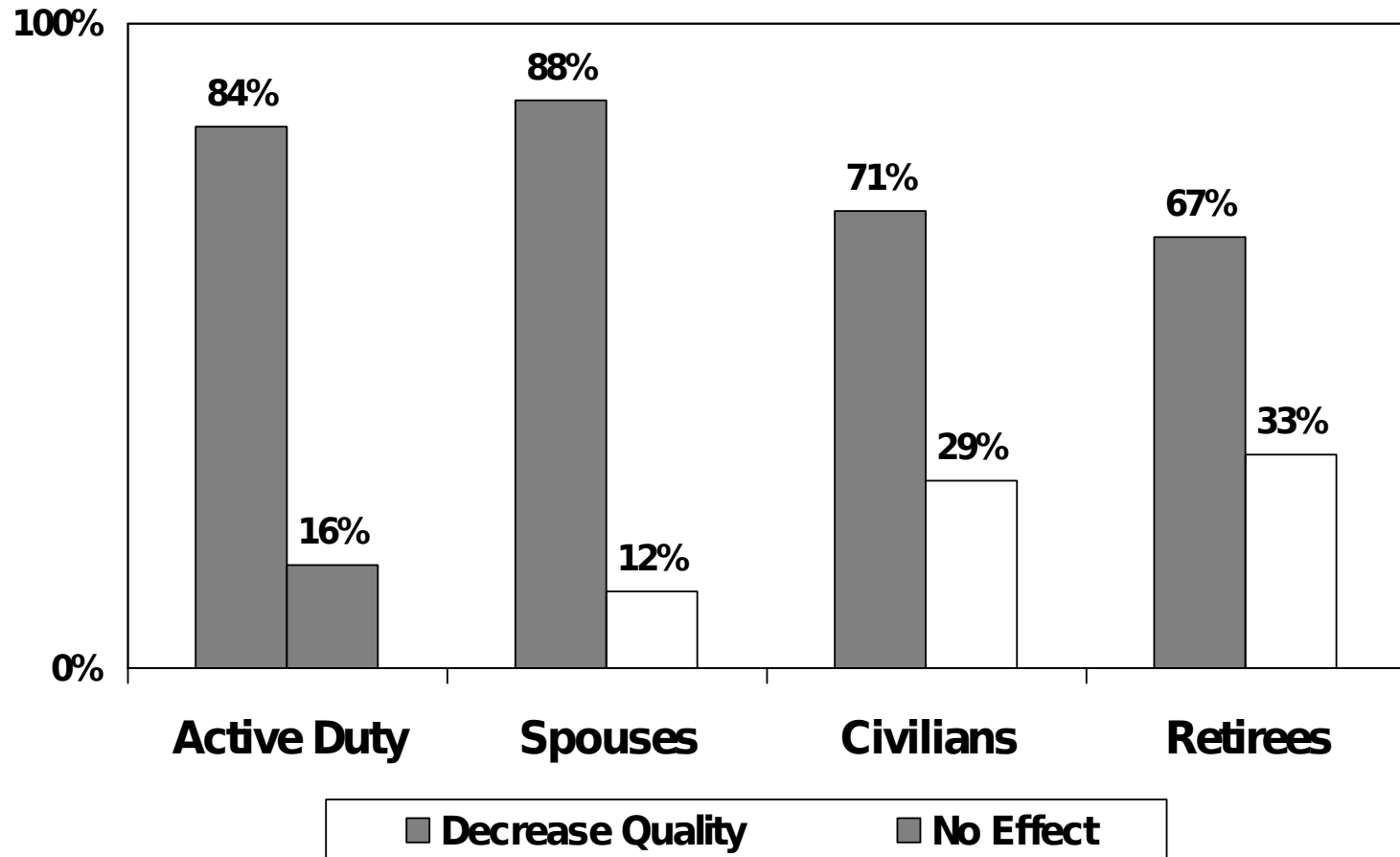
MWR PROGRAMS & FACILITIES: CLUB PROGRAM ELIMINATION EFFECT ON ARMY QOL

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MWR PROGRAMS & FACILITIES: RECREATION PROGRAM ELIMINATION EFFECT ON ARMY QOL

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MWR PROGRAMS & SERVICES: MOST AND LEAST IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS

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Respondents were asked to select the 7 most important and 7 least important activities and programs offered on an Army installation.

Top 7 Activities/Programs

Army Lodging	75%
Fitness Center/Gymnasium	66%
Library	60%
Child Development Center	50%
Youth Center	49%
Swimming Pool	48%
Clubs	41%

RV Park	67%
Marina	52%
Cabins & Campgrounds	50%
Golf Course Pro Shop	47%
Car Wash	47%
Bowling Pro Shop	46%
Automotive Skills	40%

Bottom 7 Activities/Programs

MWR PROGRAMS & SERVICES: SOURCES OF INFORMATION*

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WHERE DO YOU GET INFORMATION?	ACTIVE DUTY	SPOUSES	CIVILIANS	RETIREES	TOTAL
Internet	12%	12%	28%	9%	14%
E-mail	28%	29%	66%	12%	30%
Friends and neighbors	23%	50%	16%	35%	29%
Family Readiness Groups (FRGs)	7%	9%	2%	5%	5%
Bulletin boards on post	39%	32%	31%	26%	31%
Post newspaper	34%	62%	65%	65%	58%
MWR publications	27%	41%	46%	31%	34%
Radio	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%
Television	6%	12%	8%	4%	6%
My child(ren) let(s) me know	2%	18%	2%	1%	3%
Other unit members or co-workers	26%	18%	20%	8%	16%
Unit or post commander or supervisor	19%	6%	9%	3%	9%
Marquees/billboards	11%	21%	24%	16%	17%
Flyers	33%	41%	47%	37%	38%
Other	5%	9%	4%	12%	9%
I never hear anything	10%	9%	2%	10%	8%

*The top 3 sources of MWR information are shaded for each patron group and the total population.

MWR PROGRAMS/SERVICES: GENERATE FEELING THAT THE ARMY CARES ABOUT ITS PEOPLE*

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MWR PROGRAM/SERVICE	ACTIVE DUTY	SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY
Army Child and Youth Services	96%	91%
Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers	56%	N/A
Army Community Service	60%	70%
MWR Programs and Services	83%	94%

* Positive = moderate, great or very great extent

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE: AWARENESS AND BENEFIT - ACTIVE DUTY

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ACS PROGRAMS	AWARENESS	BENEFICIAL*	NOT BENEFICIAL*
Information and Referral	48%	76%	24%
Outreach programs	48%	67%	33%
Family Readiness Groups	56%	77%	23%
Relocation Readiness Program	47%	75%	25%
Family Advocacy Program	55%	75%	25%
Crisis intervention	49%	76%	24%
Money management classes, budgeting assistance	48%	76%	24%
Financial counseling, including tax assistance	49%	77%	23%
Consumer information	34%	69%	31%
Employment Readiness Program	43%	80%	20%
Foster child care	27%	63%	37%
Exceptional Family Member Program	37%	70%	30%
Army Family Team Building	34%	65%	35%
Army Family Action Plan	34%	65%	35%

* Percentage of Active Duty users

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE: AWARENESS AND BENEFIT - SPOUSES

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ACS PROGRAMS	AWARENESS	BENEFICIAL*	NOT BENEFICIAL*
Information and Referral	44%	100%	0%
Outreach programs	44%	100%	0%
Family Readiness Groups	67%	90%	10%
Relocation Readiness Program	64%	100%	0%
Family Advocacy Program	64%	100%	0%
Crisis intervention	44%	75%	25%
Money management classes, budgeting assistance	61%	100%	0%
Financial counseling, including tax assistance	56%	86%	14%
Consumer information	31%	100%	0%
Employment Readiness Program	47%	100%	0%
Foster child care	25%	67%	33%
Exceptional Family Member Program	58%	90%	10%
Army Family Team Building	36%	100%	0%
Army Family Action Plan	25%	100%	0%

* Percentage of Spouses of Active Duty Member users

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE: POSITIVE IMPACTS ON ACTIVE DUTY AND SPOUSES

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POSITIVE* ACS IMPACTS	ACTIVE DUTY	SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY
Satisfaction with my job	61%	46%
Personal job performance/readiness	58%	46%
Unit cohesion and teamwork	58%	33%
Unit readiness	61%	60%
Relationship with my spouse	49%	53%
Relationship with my children	54%	64%
My family's adjustment to Army life	52%	56%
Family preparedness for deployments	53%	58%
Ability to manage my finances	53%	44%
Feeling that I am part of the military community	57%	65%

* Positive = moderate, great or very great extent

CHILD AND YOUTH SERVICES: POSITIVE IMPACTS ON ACTIVE DUTY AND SPOUSES

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POSITIVE* CYS IMPACTS	ACTIVE DUTY	SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY
Helps minimize lost duty/work time due to lack of child care/youth sponsorship options	95%	80%
Helps minimize lost duty/work time due to lack of child care/youth services	95%	70%
Plays a role in influencing my decision/my spouse's decision to remain in the Army	85%	63%
Allows me to work outside my home	83%	78%
Allows me to work at home	81%	60%
Offers me an employment opportunity within the CYS program	77%	17%
Allows me/my spouse to better concentrate on my/our job(s)	95%	67%
Provides positive growth and development opportunities for my children	100%	80%

* Positive = moderate, great or very great extent

BETTER OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGLE SOLDIERS (BOSS):

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POSITIVE IMPACTS ON ACTIVE DUTY

POSITIVE* BOSS IMPACTS	ACTIVE DUTY
Satisfaction with my job	66%
Personal job performance/readiness	64%
Unit cohesion and teamwork	60%
Unit readiness	59%
Ability to manage my finances	56%
Feeling that I am part of the military community	60%
Relationship with my children (single parents)	60%
My family's adjustment to Army life (single parents)	60%
Family preparedness for deployments (single parents)	59%

* Positive = moderate, great or very great extent

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: PREFERENCES OVERALL AND BY PATRON GROUP

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Top 10 Leisure Activities for All Respondents

Watching TV, videotapes, and DVDs	56%
Internet access/applications (home)	41%
Entertaining guests at home	41%
Going to movie theaters	38%
Gardening	33%
Special family events	32%
Walking	30%
Plays/shows/concerts	29%
Live entertainment	29%
Cardiovascular equipment	26%

Top 5 for Spouses of Active Duty

Entertaining guests at home	50%
Watching TV, videotapes, and DVDs	50%
Internet access/applications (home)	50%
Special family events	47%
Gardening	43%

Top 5 for Civilians

Watching TV, videotapes, and DVDs	58%
Entertaining guests at home	50%
Going to movie theaters	44%
Internet access/applications (home)	43%
Plays/shows/concerts	37%

Top 5 for Active Duty

Internet access/applications (home)	42%
Watching TV, videotapes, and DVDs	37%
Going to movie theaters	32%
Reading	32%
Night clubs/lounges	31%

Top 5 for Retirees

Watching TV, videotapes, and DVDs	68%
Internet access/applications (home)	45%
Gardening	43%
Entertaining guests at home	43%
Live entertainment	40%

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: PREFERENCES BY ACTIVITY CATEGORY

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Team Sports

Basketball	9%
Softball	7%
Volleyball	6%
Soccer	5%
Self-directed sports tournaments	4%

Outdoor Recreation

Going to beaches/lakes	25%
Picnicking	17%
Fishing	14%
Bicycle riding/mountain biking	14%
Camping/hiking/backpacking	11%

Social

Entertaining guests at home	41%
Special family events	32%
Night clubs/lounges	24%
Dancing	22%
Happy hour/social hour	18%

Sports and Fitness

Walking	30%
Cardiovascular equipment	26%
Weight/strength training	19%
Bowling	17%
Running/jogging	16%

Entertainment

Watching TV, videotapes, and DVDs	56%
Going to movie theaters	38%
Plays/shows/concerts	29%
Live entertainment	29%
Attending sports events	25%

Special Interests

Internet access/applications (home)	41%
Gardening	33%
Automotive detailing/washing	22%
Digital photography	21%
Trips/touring	19%

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: MARKET SHARE OF ACTIVITY PREFERENCES ON POST*

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ACTIVITIES	PARTICIPATED PRIMARILY ON POST	PARTICIPATED PRIMARILY OFF POST	OVERALL PARTICIPATION
Reading	24%	N/A	24%
Internet access/applications (home)	22%	N/A	22%
Multi-media (videos, DVDs, CDs)	17%	N/A	17%
Reference/research services	17%	N/A	17%
Study/self development	16%	N/A	16%
Cardiovascular equipment	14%	13%	26%
Weight/strength training	12%	7%	19%

*Top 7 leisure activity preferences ranked by on-post participation.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES: MARKET SHARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST ACTIVITY PREFERENCES BY LOCATION*

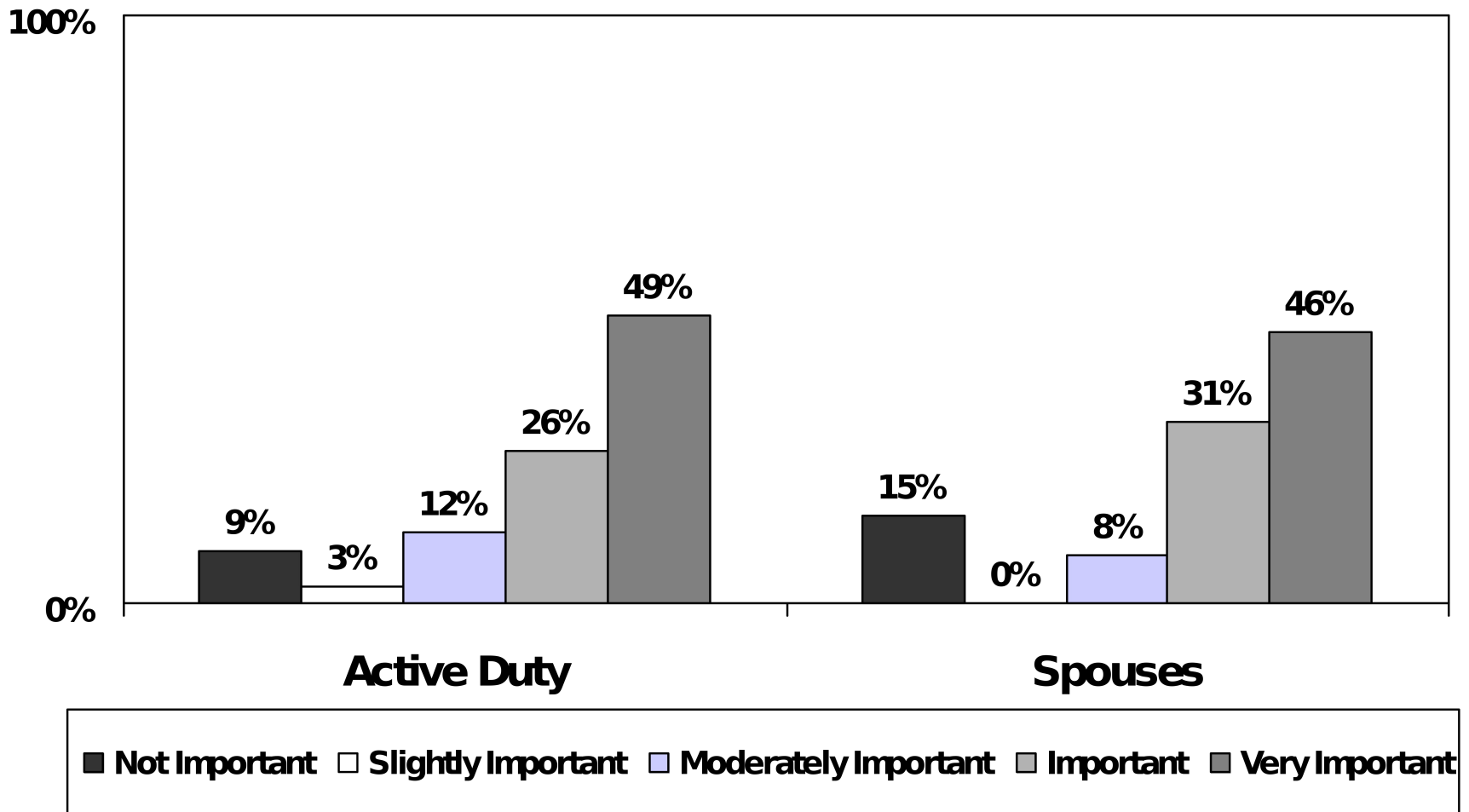
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ACTIVITIES	PARTICIPATED PRIMARILY ON POST	PARTICIPATED PRIMARILY OFF POST	PARTICIPATED PRIMARILY AT HOME	OVERALL PARTICIPATION
Internet access/applications (home)	6%	4%	31%	41%
Gardening	3%	2%	28%	33%
Automotive detailing/washing	7%	6%	10%	22%
Digital photography	2%	4%	15%	21%
Trips/touring	4%	15%	0%	19%
Automotive maintenance & repair	7%	3%	8%	18%
Computer games	2%	1%	13%	17%

*Top 7 special interest activity preferences ranked by overall participation.

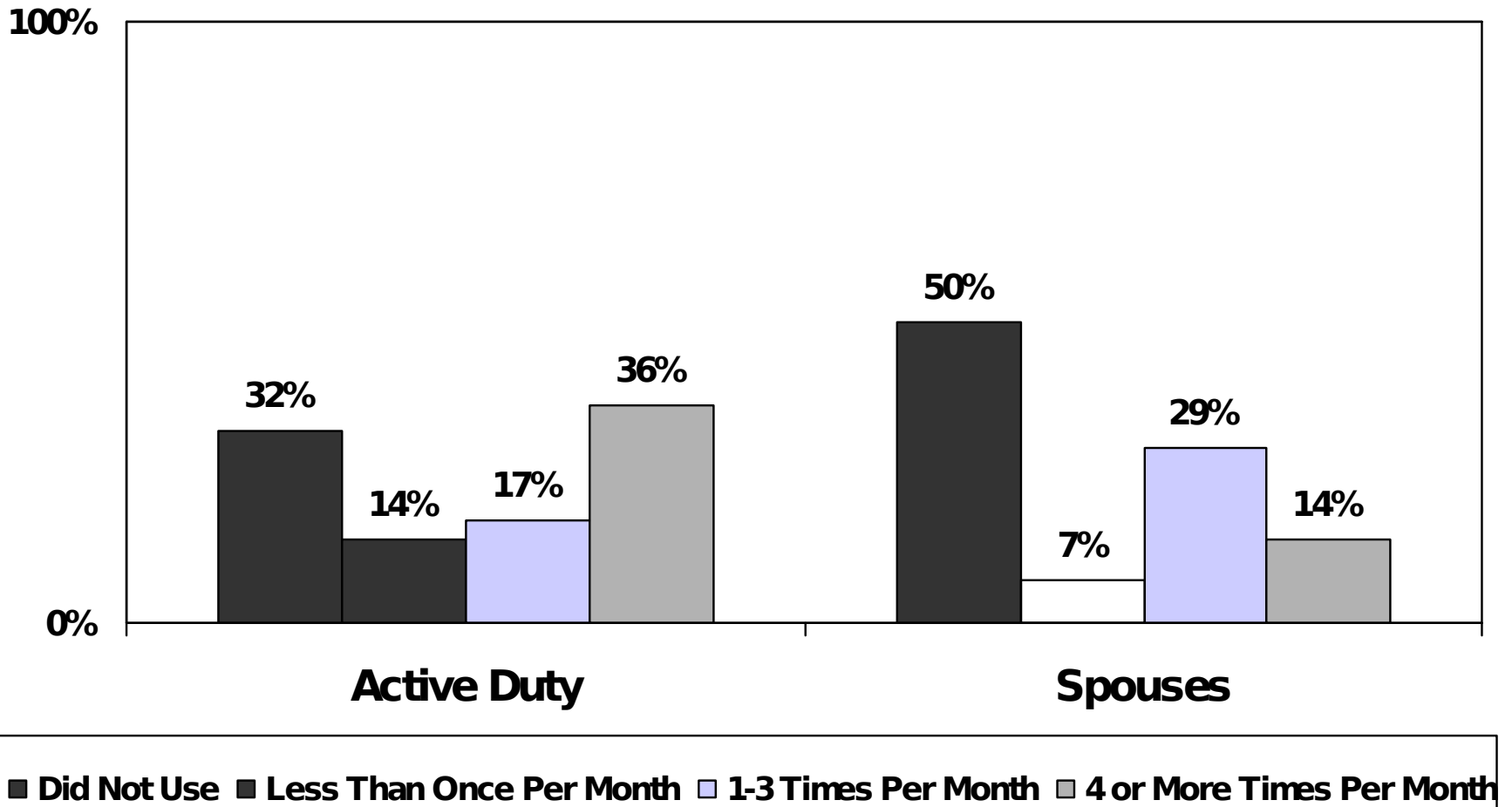
DEPLOYMENT AND MWR: IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO MWR DURING DEPLOYMENT

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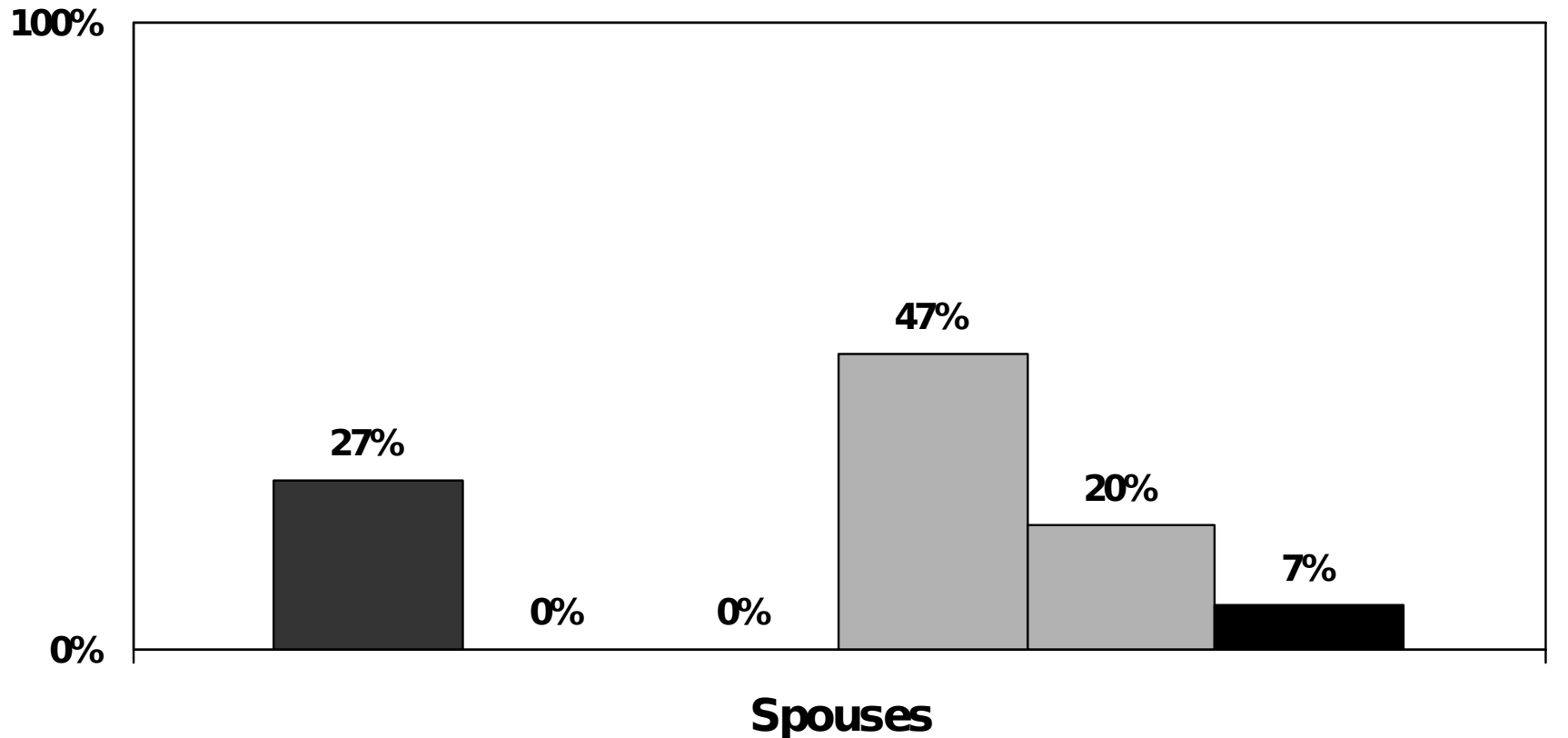
DEPLOYMENT AND MWR: USE OF MWR DURING DEPLOYMENT IN THEATER OR AT HOME INSTALLATION

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DEPLOYMENT AND MWR: USE OF MWR DURING DEPLOYMENT COMPARED TO NON-DEPLOYMENT

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■ Did Not Use ■ Much Less □ Somewhat Less ■ About the Same ■ Somewhat More ■ Much More

CAREER INTENTIONS: ACTIVE DUTY AND SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY MEMBERS

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Current Plans About Making the Military Your Career	ACTIVE DUTY
Definitely will not make military a career	12%
Probably will not make military a career	6%
Undecided	25%
Probably will make military a career	17%
Definitely will make military a career	40%

Do You Want Your Spouse to Make the Military His/Her Career?	SPOUSES OF ACTIVE DUTY
No	9%
Not Sure	24%
Yes	68%

NEXT STEPS

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▮ **INSTALLATION REPORTS**

- Review information on 91 leisure activities and up to 40 MWR facilities
- Share with Commander and program managers

▮ **DATA APPLICATIONS**

- Action planning for program change and enhancement
- Strategic business planning
- Five year program planning
- Priorities for Project Validation Assessments
- Follow-up focus groups on items of interest or for clarification of findings
- Input into the Installation Status Report (ISR)